(c) The quantity of imported coal and its value during the last three years are as under :

Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)	*Value (Rs. in crores)*
2000-2001	20.93	4052.78
2001-2002	20.55	4535.43
2002-2003(Prov.)		
(April-Dec.,02002)	16.68	3616.62

(d) and (e) Coal imports are under Open General Licence (OGL) Import of coal and coke is being resorted to by the consumers due to non-availability/ inadequate availability of required quality and quantity indigenously, for blending with indigenous coal, cost considerations including commercial terms etc. With setting up of benefication plants, availability of good quality coal indigenously will improve and this is likely to reduce the import of non-coking coal. With the existing import duty, the import of non-coking coal is projected to decline to 3. 30 million tonnes at the end of X plan(2006-2007) from the current level (2001-2002) of 9.57 million tonnes.

Russian assistance for manufacture of Sukhoi spares

†4799. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Russia offered to assist India for manufacturing spare parts of Sukhoi fighter aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The licence granted by Russian side for manufacture of SU-30 MKI aircraft provides the right to India for manufacture of aircraft and its components (which includes spares) for use by Indian Air Force. Russians have not offered assistance in the manufacture of these spares in India separately.

A Techno-Economic Feasibility Report has been signed with the Russian Aircraft Manufacturing Plant for manufacture of certain structural components like vertical stabilizers, horizontal stabilizers and canards in India for supply to them for fitment on SU-30 MKI aircraft.

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